

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 061598B]

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council and the New England Fishery Management Council will hold a Joint Dogfish Committee meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 8, 1998, from 9:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Logan Airport, 225 McClellan Highway, E. Boston, MA; telephone: 617-569-5250.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 300 S. New Street, Dover, DE 19904, telephone: 302-674-2331.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D., Acting Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: 302-674-2331, ext. 16.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this meeting is to review analyses conducted by the Technical Committee concerning the stock rebuilding options, revised discard mortality estimates, and alternate minimum size limits. Management options to be included in the public hearing draft of the Spiny Dogfish Fishery Management Plan will be finalized.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before the Committee for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Joanna Davis at the Council (see

ADDRESSES) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a number of public meetings of its oversight committees and advisory panels in July, 1998 to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from these groups will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: The meetings will be held between July 7 and July 29, 1998. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: Meetings will be held in Saugus, Peabody and Mansfield, MA, and Warwick, RI. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific locations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council (781) 231-0422. Requests for special accommodations should be addressed to the New England Fishery Management Council, 5 Broadway, Saugus, Massachusetts 01906-1036; telephone: (781) 231-0422.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Meeting Dates and Agendas**

Tuesday, July 7, 1998, 9:30 a.m.— Aquaculture Committee Meeting
Location: New England Fishery Management Council Office conference room, 5 Broadway, Saugus, MA 01906; telephone (781) 231-0422.

Discussion of agency coordination procedures for applicants, project evaluation criteria and a review of the status of the American Norwegian Fish Farm project.

Wednesday, July 8, 1998, 9:30 a.m.— Joint Habitat Committee and Advisory Panel Meeting

Location: Holiday Inn, One Newbury Street (Route 1 North), Peabody, MA 01960; telephone: (978) 535-4600.

Discussion about presenting the essential fish habitat (EFH) information at public hearings and a briefing on NMFS recommendations concerning the Council's proposed EFH designations.

Thursday, July 9, 9:30 a.m.—

Groundfish Advisory Panel Meeting
Location: Holiday Inn, 31 Hampshire Street, Mansfield, MA 02048; telephone: (508) 339-2200.

Preparation of formal comments on the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP) Amendment 9 public hearing document and Environmental Assessment; discussion of alternative management strategies for Gulf of Maine cod, an action that could be implemented through the annual framework adjustment process; comments on a proposal to include cusk and wolffish in the multispecies fishery management unit; and discussion of a proposal to allow the transfer of multispecies days-at-sea between vessels.

Wednesday, July 15, 9:30 a.m. and Thursday, July, 16, 8:30 a.m.—

Multispecies Committee Meeting

Location: Peabody Marriott Hotel, 8A Centennial Drive, Peabody, MA 01960; telephone: (978) 977-9700.

Review of comments on the Amendment 9 public hearing document and Environmental Assessment and development of recommendations to the Council for final measures; discussion of alternatives and a management strategy for management of Gulf of Maine cod fisheries; consideration of a proposal to include cusk and wolffish in the multispecies fishery management unit; and discussion of a proposal to the allow transfer of multispecies days-at-sea between vessels.

Monday, July 27, 1998, 9:30 a.m.— Whiting Committee Meeting

Location: Peabody Marriott Hotel, 8A Centennial Drive, Peabody, MA 01960; telephone: (978) 977-9700.

Review of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and approval of a draft public hearing document containing measures to manage whiting under the Northeast Multispecies FMP.

Tuesday, July 28, 1998, 9:30 a.m.— Joint Habitat Committee and Advisory Panel Meeting

Location: Holiday Inn, One Newbury Street (Route 1 North), Peabody, MA 01960; telephone: (978) 535-4600.

Discussion of comments received during the public hearing process.

Tuesday, July 28, 10:00 a.m.— Scallop Advisory Panel Meeting